



# GEORGIA VERMONT

## Selectboard Regular Meeting Monday, September 14, 2026 at 6:00 PM Chris Letourneau Meeting Room and via Zoom Minutes

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER 6:00PM

#### SELECTBOARD PRESENT

Vice Chair Brian Dunsmore, Judith Nasca, Carl Rosenquist, Tammy Hardy

#### SELECTBOARD ABSENT

Chair Kellie Bosenberg

#### STAFF PRESENT

Keith Baker, Doug Bergstrom, Todd Cadieux, Kollene Caspers, Lori Hobart

#### GUESTS PRESENT

Caroline Bright, Tom Hargy, Heather Dunsmore, Lorna Peters (via Zoom), Natasha Halverson (via Zoom)

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 3. CHAIR UPDATE

### 4. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- L. Hobart requested the addition of Warrants #2635 and #2638
- D. Bergstrom added the request by the Georgia Fire Department to use of impact fees for radios (8F)
- D. Bergstrom added the request by the Public Works Director for jersey barriers at the Bridge #28 project (8G)
- D. Bergstrom added the request by the Public Works Director for a plan to purchase a new hot box (8H)

- D. Bergstrom also requested to move the Silver Lake Woods project discussion from 8D to 8A.

Motion to approve the agenda changes as listed above.

Motion made by J. Nasca, Seconded by T. Hardy

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

## 5. **SELECTBOARD MINUTES AND WARRANTS**

### A. Approval of Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes for August 24, 2026

Motion to approve minutes.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca

- Questions on the language for culvert costs. Tabled until the next meeting to research exact language used during the meeting.

C. Rosenquist rescinded his motion.

### B. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes August 31, 2026

Motion to approve minutes as written.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

### C. Payroll Warrant

Motion to approve payroll warrant.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by T. Hardy

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

### D. Approval of Warrant #2635

- Warrant #2635 in the amount of \$8,877.63. Signatures only for the warrant as the expenses were approved at the August 24, 2026 Selectboard meeting.

### E. Approval of Warrant #2637

Motion to approve Warrant #2637 in the amount of \$285,904.96

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca

- L. Hobart answered questions about the warrant. Many of the expenses were related to Bridge #28 repairs.

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

### F. Approval of Warrant #2638

Motion to approve Warrant #2638 in the amount of \$3,414.06.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by T. Hardy

- L. Hobart explained this warrant is for additional charges and corrections to Warrant #2637.

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

## 6. **PUBLIC COMMENT (For items not on agenda)**

All participants must clearly state their names. Appropriate actions will be considered once the Selectboard has reviewed the information provided and necessary subsequent research.

- C. Bright was present to request a waiver of fees for use of the Fire Station Community Room to host weekly community coffee hours. The meeting room at the Town offices is not available during the day, and the Georgia Public Library Community Room will be undergoing painting and floor waxing in the near future.
- The Selectboard requested the Facilities Use Policy be reviewed for updating to give the Town Administrator discretion and guidance to waive fees in certain circumstances.
- Discussion was tabled to address Board Business 8D, which was moved up to 8A.

- Public Comment reconvened and C. Bright continued the discussion on the use of community buildings as a community member for the benefit of members of the Georgia community. She explained this weekly event would be open to the public, has no political or religious agenda, and would be held every week for the foreseeable future.
- N. Halverson spoke in support of the weekly coffee meetings at the Town Fire Station.
- C. Rosenquist suggested tabling the discussion to the next meeting so the Selectboard has time to discuss the request.

## 7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

### A. Vermont Route 104A Resurfacing Project

- Route 104A is back open and the resurfacing project looks great.

## 8. **BOARD BUSINESS (Public comment on agenda items limited to 5 minutes)**

### A. AGREEMENT FOR PRELIMINARY DESIGN SERVICES

by and between FITZGERALD ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATES, LLC.  
and the TOWN OF GEORGIA, VERMONT

- Moved up to the first agenda item in Board Business.
- L. Peters from Northwest Regional Planning Commission was present to explain the agreement to the Selectboard and town.
- This agreement includes culvert repair for Silver Lake Road to remedy issues of erosion and organism aquatic passage.
- This phase will run from Fall 2026 to June 2027 and will include the culvert as well as placement of beaver dam analogs, that create habitat for the stream and slow water down.
- L. Peters answered Selectboard and TA questions.

Motion to approve the Agreement for Preliminary Design Services as outlined in the documents for \$23,546, pending documentation ensuring the project is entirely grant funded and the Town will not incur any expenses.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by T. Hardy

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

### B. Planning Commission Vacancy Appointments - Action to Approve

- On September 8, 2026 the Planning Commission voted to recommend the Selectboard appoint Voyo Savich and Emily Lowell to the Planning Commission Board to serve until Town Meeting Day 2027.

Motion to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to appoint Voyo Savich and Emily Lowell to the Planning Commission Board to serve until Town Meeting Day 2027.

Motion made by T. Hardy, Seconded by J. Nasca

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

### C. Georgia Beach Boat Dock Removal - Minutes (11/24/25)

- Minutes were reviewed and no further discussion was needed.

### D. Trash at Russell Greene Natural Area (RGNA)

- D. Bergstrom explained the Conservation Commission's notice of dumping at RGNA. He spoke with Dave Murrish, enforcement officer for ANR/Environmental agencies, who visited the RGNA and found trash that traced back to an individual in town but there is not enough evidence for the Town of Sherrif to get involved.

- T. Hargy explained he reached out to D. Murrish for assistance in the matter, as dumping became more prevalent in the area. T. Hargy would like for the Town to help with trash removal and to deter dumping.
- Trail or solar cameras were suggested to catch individuals dumping at the RGNA; as well as "no littering" or "no dumping" signs.
- D. Bergstrom will look into purchasing cameras to be hung at the RGNA. He will request the highway employees include any trash dumped at RGNA with other trash for disposal.

E. CHIP Policy - Draft review

- D. Bergstrom introduced the draft Community Housing Infrastructure Program (CHIP) Policy, which is intended to be a guide that follows state statute as developers request funding for infrastructure in the Town of Georgia.
- Currently there are two developers who are preparing applications for CHIP funding in the Town of Georgia. At this time, no applications will be accepted until there is a policy in place.
- D. Bergstrom is asking the Selectboard to review the policy for discussion at the next regular Selectboard meeting.

F. Georgia Fire Department is requesting the use of Impact Fees for new radios.

- Chief Baker was present to explain the request for portable radios for use by fire station staff. Twenty portable radio replacements will cost approximately \$20,000. There is \$9,000 available from the remainder budgeted \$35,000 for rescue jacks approved in the 2026 budget.

Motion to approve the use of extra impact fees to cover the costs of twenty replacement portable radios for the fire department.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

G. Request for Jersey Barriers

- D. Bergstrom, on behalf of Public Works Director T. Cadieux, is requesting the purchase of jersey barriers for the completed Mill River Culvert project as guardrails will not be able to be installed until the end of the month. Bridge engineer T. Billingsly suggested the installation of Jersey barriers until the rails can be installed.
- While the Town has a few jersey barriers, six additional units are needed at the cost of \$615/each, for a total of \$3,600, which will come out of the bond funds.

Motion to approve the purchase of six jersey barriers for a total of \$3,600 to be used as barriers until the guard rails can be installed at the Mill River culvert.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by T. Hardy

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

H. Hot Box Purchase

- D. Bergstrom explained the old dock was put on Municibid, which did not meet the reserve of \$3,500. A bidder out of Maine has a hot box which he will price to the Town and offset by the Town delivering the old docks. The Selectboard approved the trade of the old dock toward the purchase of a new hot box.

## 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Georgia Public Library Building Revitalization Project

- No new information for the revitalization project outdoors.

- The GPL Trustees are meeting on Wednesday September 16<sup>th</sup> to approve estimates for painting and floor waxing and stripping. When approved, painting work will start within a week. The floors will be stripped and waxed after the walls are painted.
- B. Mill River Culvert (Formerly "Bridge 28", Bridge on Mill River Road)
  - The culvert and paving project is complete but for the installation of guard rails. Photos are included in the TA report.
- C. Bridge #8 (Bridge on Georgia Shore Road between The Pines and Mill River Road)
  - No updates. D. Bergstrom will contact Bridge #28 project engineer T. Billingsly for estimates on Bridge work for #8.
  - L. Hobart is still waiting to hear back from the bond bank about the transfer of the remainder of the Bridge #28 bond funds for repairs to this bridge.

#### **10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, TREASURER AND SELECTBOARD SUB COMMITTEES REPORTS**

- A. Town Administrator
  - D. Bergstrom answered Selectboard questions on the TA report.
- B. Public Works/Highway
  - Update included in the TA report.
- C. Treasurer
  - L. Hobart reported that taxes are coming into the office and are transferred to month-long CDs for short-term investment until tax money is to be paid to the school in early November.

#### **11. OTHER**

#### **12. PLAN NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

- A. September 28, 2026

#### **13. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION (pursuant to 1 V.S.A sec 313 - requires majority vote)**

- A. Contract
- B. Personnel

Vice Chair Dunsmore would entertain a motion to enter into executive session to discuss Contract and Personnel which premature disclosure or discussion may be detrimental to the board in itself and/or individuals involved.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

Vice Chair Dunsmore moves that we enter into executive session to discuss Contracts and Personnel with D. Bergstrom under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(E) and (a)(3) of the Vermont Statutes at 8:10PM.

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by Vice Chair Dunsmore

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

Motion to exit out of Executive Session at 9:07PM

Motion made by C. Rosenquist, Seconded by J. Nasca

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

**No Action out of Executive Session.**

#### **14. ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 9:08PM.

Motion made by J. Nasca, Seconded by T. Hardy

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Dunsmore, J. Nasca, C. Rosenquist, T. Hardy

**TABLED ITEMS: Minutes from August 24, 2026 Regular Selectboard Meeting, Facilities Use request, CHIP Policy**

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**Signed: Doug Bergstrom, Town Administrator**

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